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Mr. Christopher O. Murray, Esq
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RE: RR 17L-19
The Colorado Republican Committee

Dear Mr. Murray:

Enclosed is the second matter we discussed a little over a week ago. The matter is a referral originally sent to our ADR Office, but after not receiving a response from your client, was forwarded to our office for resolution. We plan on incorporating this referral with the ongoing Audit Referral you have already received. The referral is based on information the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") received in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities indicating that your clients, the Colorado Republican Committee and its treasurer in his official capacity ("Committee"), may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). The matter has been referred for possible enforcement action under 52 U.S.C. § 30109.¹ Specifically, the Committee has been referred for failure to disclose all financial activity on its amended 2016 12 Day Pre-General Report where it disclosed additional receipts totaling \$135,560.005, which were not disclosed on its original report. We have numbered this referral RR 17L-19.

The Act affords your clients the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against them. If you wish to file a response, you may submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath by persons with relevant knowledge. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. §§ 30109(a)(4)(B) and 30109(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. Please be advised that, although the Commission cannot disclose information

¹ Notification of this referral is being provided to you pursuant to the Commission's Agency Procedure for Notice to Respondents in Non-Complaint Generated Matters, as published in the Federal Register on August 4, 2009 (74 Fed. Reg. 38,617).

regarding an investigation to the public, it may share information on a confidential basis with other law enforcement agencies.²

To confirm your intention to represent the Committee and its treasurer, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form which authorizes you to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission. Please note that you have a legal obligation to preserve all documents, records, and materials relating to the subject matter of the referral until such time as you are notified that the Commission has closed its file in this matter. See 18 U.S.C. § 1519.

Any correspondence sent to the Commission, such as a response, must be addressed to one of the following (note, if submitting via email, this Office will provide an electronic receipt by email):

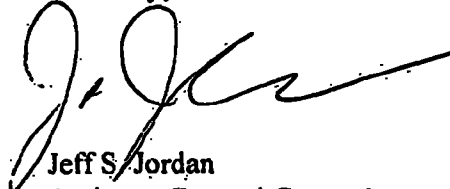
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Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination
and Legal Administration
Attn: Christal Dennis, Paralegal
999 E Street, NW
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If you have any questions, please contact Christal Dennis at (202) 694-1650 or toll free at 1-800-424-9530. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's preliminary procedures for processing possible violations discovered by the Commission.

Sincerely,



Jeff S. Jordan
Assistant General Counsel
Complaints Examination &
Legal Administration

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The Commission has the statutory authority to refer knowing and willful violations of the Act to the Department of Justice for potential criminal prosecution, 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(5)(C), and to report information regarding violations of law not within its jurisdiction to appropriate law enforcement authorities. *Id.* § 30107(a)(9).